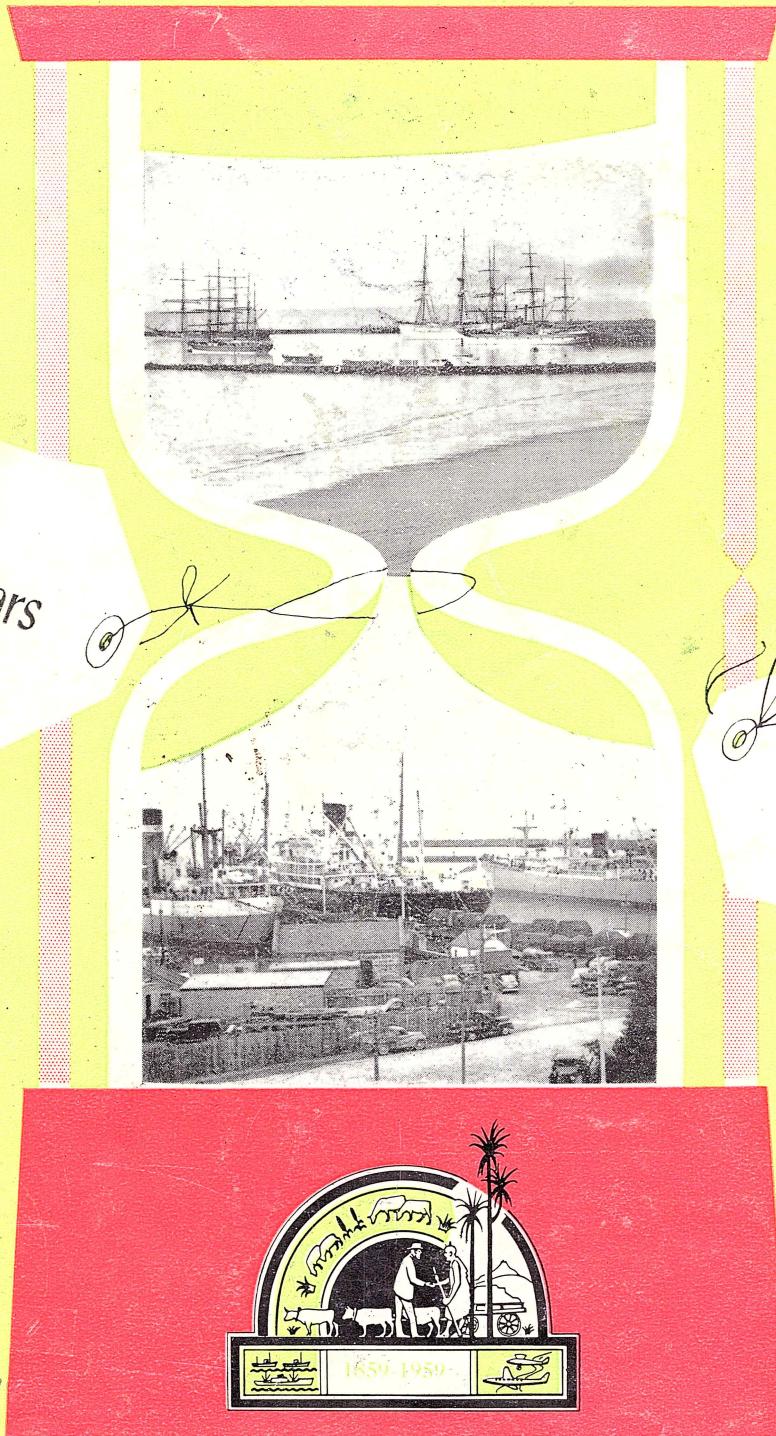


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January 14, 1959, marks the centenary of the arrival of the "Strathallan" with the first settlers to reach Timaru by sea.

The subsequent development of the South Canterbury District, so well endowed by Nature, and the progress of the City, Port and other towns, speak much for the foresight and enterprise of those early pioneers and their successors.

It gives me much pleasure to convey to the people of South Canterbury my warmest congratulations on their splendid achievement to date, and my best wishes for the success of the Centenary Celebrations and the continued progress of the District in the future.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ohinemata".

Governor-General



Message from the President

In South Canterbury, we are at the turn of a century and, as we pause and briefly look back at the past 100 years, we can do so with pride as we consider the achievements of our forefathers. From tussock-covered wilderness they converted the land into the prosperous farms we have today. The rural villages at their hands have become a prosperous city and solid country towns.

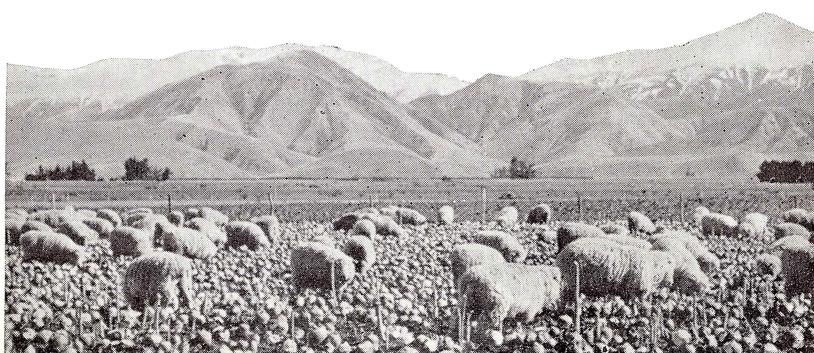
Having myself recently re-crossed the oceans they sailed across in frail sailing ships, buffeted by every storm, I, in the comfort of a modern passenger ship, can appreciate the faith they had in the future when they left home, kith and kin to establish South Canterbury. We today are reaping the rewards of their enterprise.

May we not be content to be satisfied with South Canterbury as we know it today but may we go forward into the second hundred years resolved to guard the inheritance that is ours. May we conserve the soil for our children so that it may be not impoverished but enriched. May our plans for development of our city and towns be visionary, so that there may be room for the expansion that invariably must take place.

May I conclude by reminding you of the words of the prophet Joel: 'Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.'

My wish is that our dreams shall be of a 100 years of achievement and may our young men's visions of the future be of prosperity and expansion for South Canterbury.

R. E. White.



The Progress of South Canterbury

Although the arrival of the immigrant ship "Strathallan" on January 14, 1859, is regarded as the foundation of South Canterbury, white settlement predated this event. The Rhodes Brothers had applied for a large block of land in June 1851 extending "between the Rivers Opihi and Makikihi being 15 miles along the coast and about the same inland". These boundaries were considerably modified in the later applications. Major Alfred Hornbrook of Temuka applied a few days later for the block described as "bounded on the north by the Oapi, south by the river Opihi, east by the native reserve at Horauana, inland on the west by the back range of hills". Other applicants followed and the lessees were soon living on and farming their land.

The site of Timaru had been excluded from the pastoral licence so that on the arrival of the immigrants sections were available for them although as no accommodation was available they had to remain on the "Strathallan" for an extra two days.

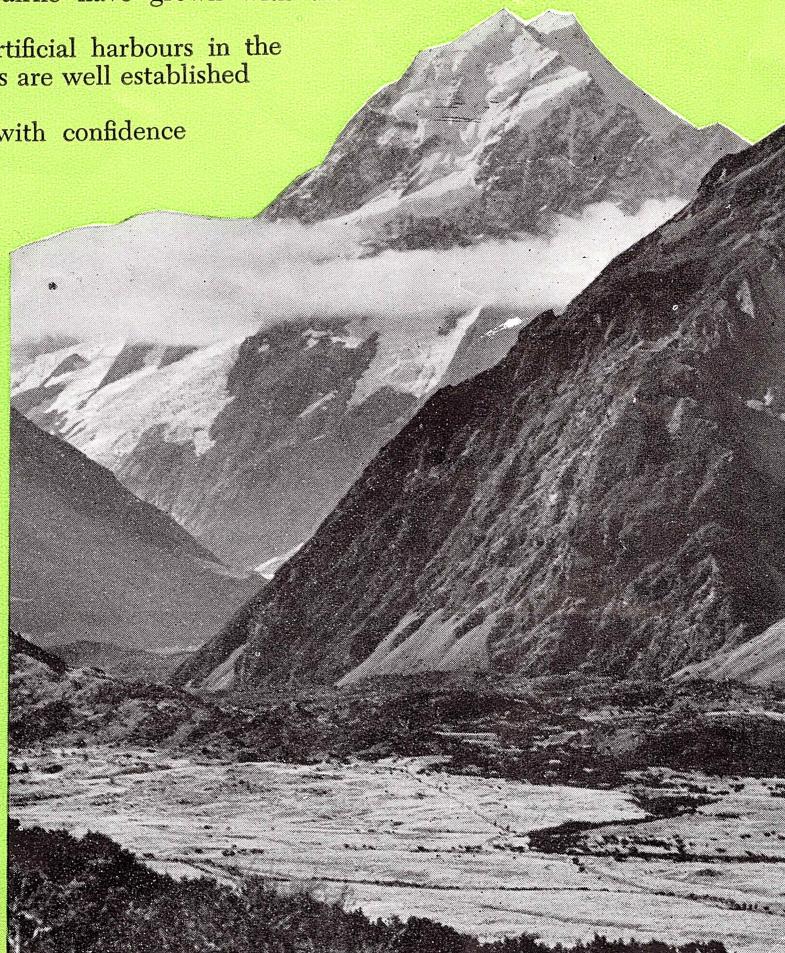
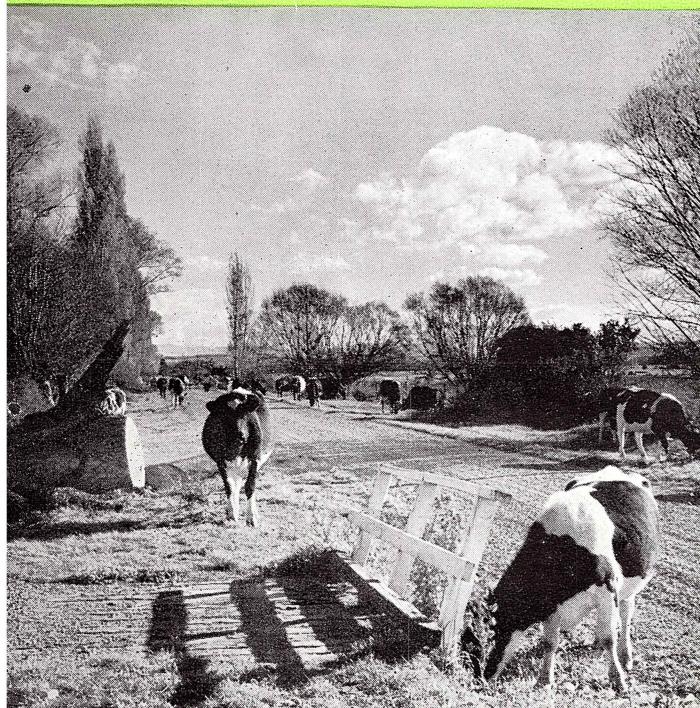
The district soon progressed and the development of the harbour enabled the graziers to ship their wool direct from Timaru. The development of the frozen meat industry and the erection of the freezing works at Smithfield and Pareora greatly increased the prosperity of the district.

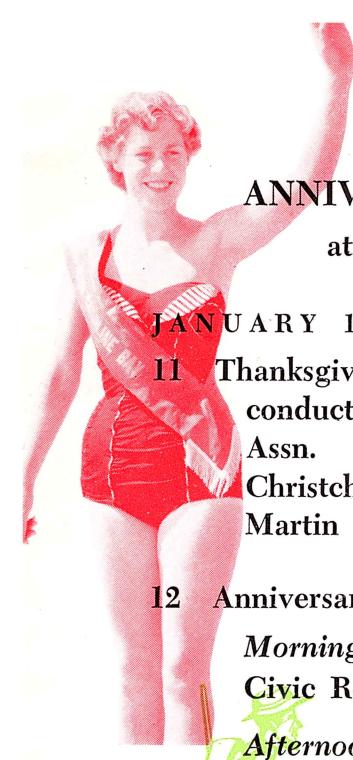
The breaking up of the larger runs by the Government at the turn of the century enabled more intensive production to be carried out and encouraged closer settlement. South Canterbury has been well farmed during the past century. Mistakes have been quickly rectified and today the land is in good heart.

The capital city of Timaru and the boroughs of Waimate, Temuka and Geraldine and the county township of Fairlie have grown with the prosperity of the district.

Today Timaru has one of the finest artificial harbours in the Southern Hemisphere. Secondary industries are well established and the population is steadily growing.

South Canterbury can look forwards with confidence to the second century.





ANNIVERSARY WEEK

at Caroline Bay

JANUARY 1959

11 Thanksgiving Service, Sound Shell conducted by Timaru Ministers' Assn. Speaker: The Dean of Christchurch, Very Reverend Martin Sullivan.

12 Anniversary Day.

Morning :

Civic Reception, Official Guests.

Afternoon :

Re-enactment of Landing.

13 Navy Day — Arrival of H.M.S. Crane

14 Pioneers' Day.

15 Army Day

Afternoon :

Jungle Warfare.
Evening :
Searchlight Tattoo.

16 Children's Day.

17 *Morning :*

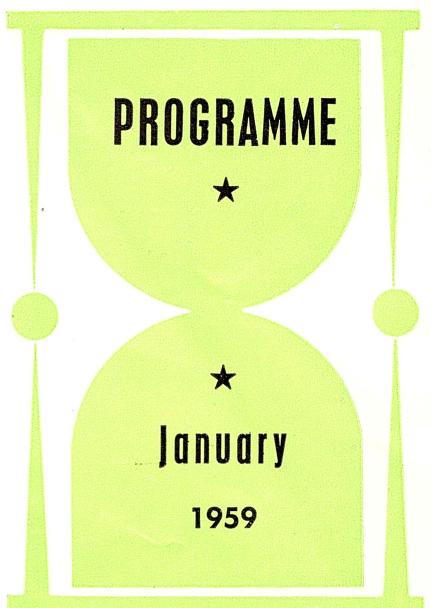
A Century of Transport Procession.
Centennial Trotting Meeting,
Timaru Trotting Club, Washdyke.

Evening :

Massed Scottish Country Dancing and
Pipe Band Display.

18 *Afternoon :*

Life Saving Demonstration and Carnival by Canterbury Surf Life Saving Association.



PROGRAMME

January

1959



JANUARY 1959

- 1 Caledonian Centennial Sports Meeting
- 2 880yds Harbour Race — Tweedy Cup
- 6 1 Mile Harbour Race — Speechly Cup
- 10 Trotting Meeting, Washdyke
- 17 10th Anniversary of 3XC
- 28 Centennial Swimming Carnival
South End Swimming Club

From January 30 to February 1 (both days inclusive) the Royal N.Z. Aero Club Annual Pageant will be held at Timaru Airport.

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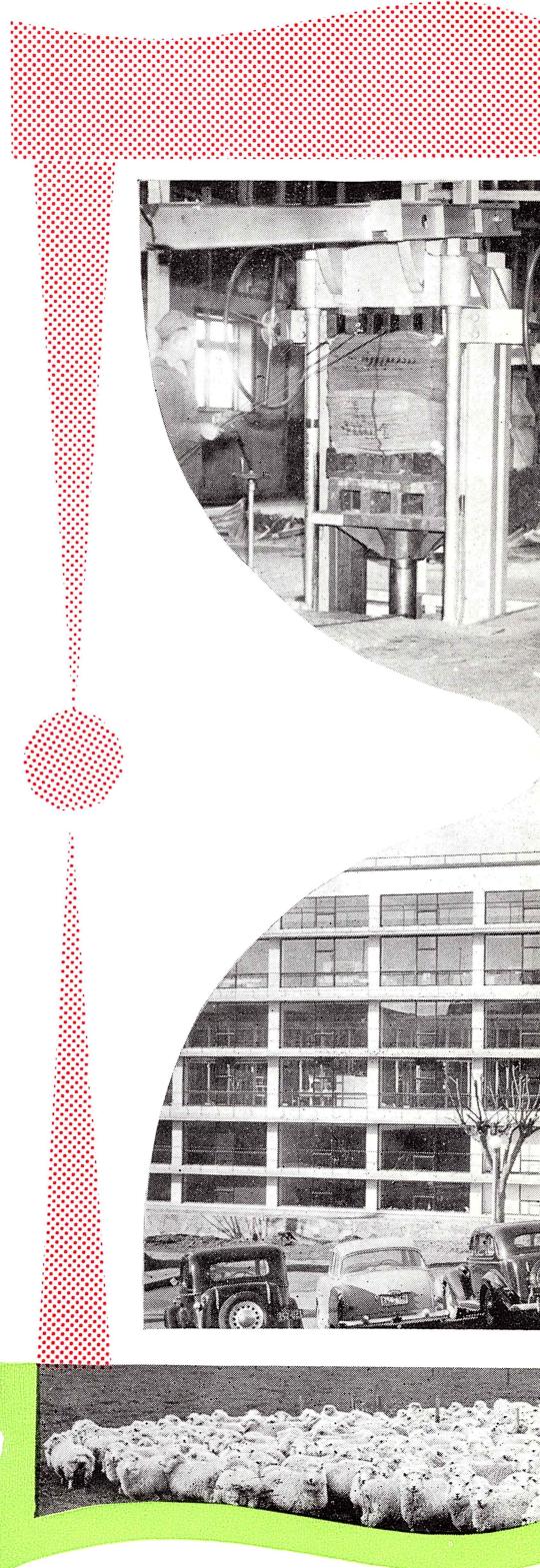
- 2 Promenade Concert, National Orchestra**
- 4 S.C. Centennial Swimming Championships**
- 6 Swimming Display, North End Baths, by Australian University Team**

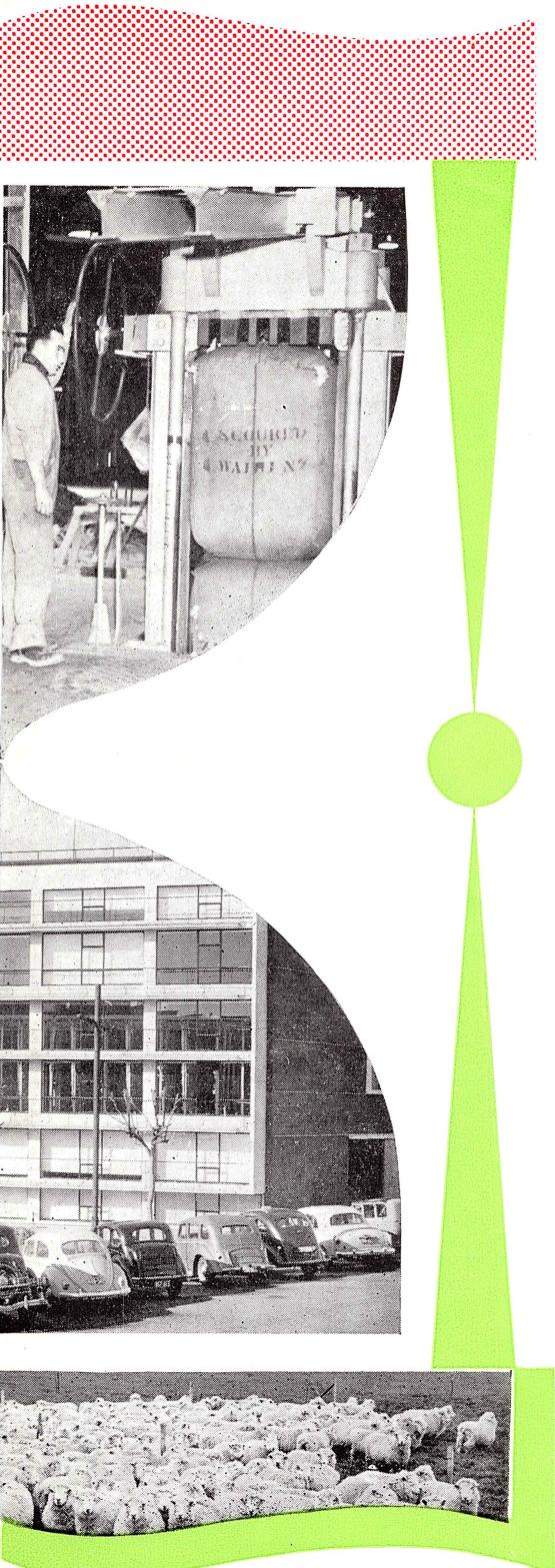
— F L O R A L W E E K —

- 9 - 11 Parks and Reserves Conference**
- 10 - 11 Inter-Flora Annual Conference including Mannequin Floral Display**
- 11 - 14 Centennial Flower Show**
- 14 Floral Procession**



- 7 South Island Marching Championships**
- 16 - 18 S.C. Car Club's Reliability Trials**
- 17 Swimming Carnival, North End Swimming Club**
- 21 Scottish Country Dancing Display**
- 21 N.Z. Hill Climb Car Championships**
- 25 S.C. Primary Schools' Swimming Championships**
- 28 Gala Day, Caroline Bay — Rotary Club Inter-Provincial Swimming Championships, Cullen Shield; North End Baths**





MARCH 1959

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 Physical Culture Display by Teams from S.C. Secondary Schools
- 5 Festival Concert, Melbourne Staff Band of the Salvation Army.
- 5 - 7 N.Z. Amateur Cycling Championships.
- 9 - 13 Festival of Women — Everything to delight a woman's heart — fashions, make-up, colour, cooking, etc.
- 19 - 22 N.Z. Pipe Band Championships
- 28 Centennial Sports Meeting
- 28 - 30 South Island Archery Championships

- 1 - 5 S.C. Women's Bowling Tournament
- 2 French Mannequin Parade
- 2 - 3 Technical School and Boys High School Annual Swimming Sports
- 9 - 13 N.Z. Retailers' Annual Conference
- 11 Swimming Sports — Inter-secondary Schools
- 14 Timaru Trotting Club Meeting
- 14 - 15 Reunion Mounted Rifles, World War I
- 14 - 16 Conference of the Executives of the N.Z. Counties' Association and N.Z. Institute of County Clerks
- 18 Technical College Sports
- 21 Boys' High School Sports
- 25 Inter-secondary Schools Athletic Championships
- 28 - 29 South Island Model Planes Championships
- 28 - 29 Gleniti Golf Club's Easter Tournament
- 28 - 30 Easter Pairs Tournament — S.C. Bowling Centre
- 30 Model Planes Exhibition

PROGRAMME



April
May
June
July

APRIL 1959

4 - 13 Parades of Homes — Canada Street
By S.C. Master Builders' Association
12 Combined Churches Service — Theatre Royal
18 Rodeo — South Island Championship
17 - 20 Conference of Electric Supply Authorities
18 - 19 Reunion — World War I Machine Gunners
29 - 31 All Churches Exhibition



MAY 1959

4 - 7 Chrysanthemum Show
16 Timaru Trotting Club's Meeting
19 - 27 "Show Boat" — Musical
Comedy produced by S.C.
Drama League

29 - 6 June Centennial Industries
Fair
30 - 1 June Centennial Basketball
Tournament
31 - 1 June Indoor Bowls — South Island
Championships

JUNE 1959

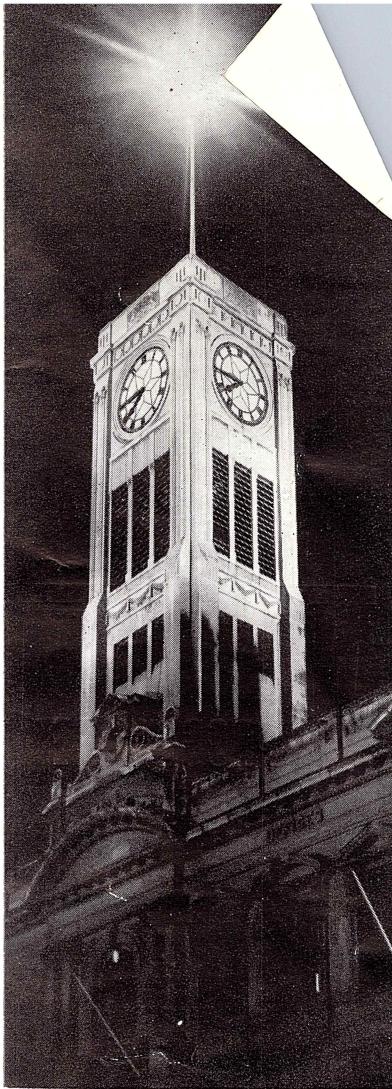
26 Centennial Ball — C.F.C.A. Wool Store
5 Combined Masonic Lodges' Ball — Bay Hall
13 N.Z. Junior Chamber of Commerce — Annual Conference, Canterbury-Westland Region
16 - 18 Women's Division Federated Farmers Conference
19 Post and Telegraph Jubilee
20 Harriers — Oamaru-Timaru Road Race
22 - 25 Art Display — Primary and Secondary Schools
27 S.C. Jockey Club's Meeting

JULY 1959

Arts Festival

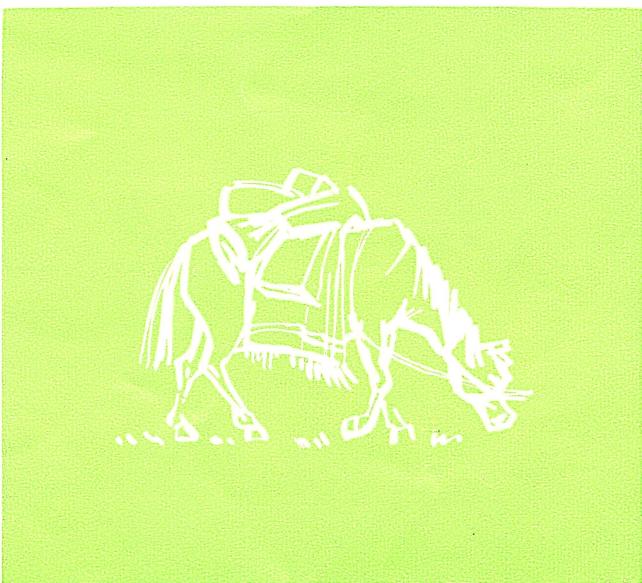
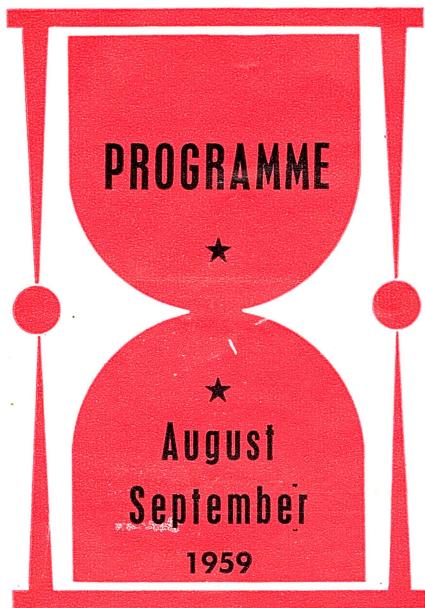
4 S.C. Jockey Club's Meeting
10 - 11 Timaru Canary and Cage Bird Club's Annual Show
14 - 16 N.Z. Beekeepers' Association Annual Conference
15 Music Festival — Post-primary Schools
18 S.C. Jockey Club's Meeting
21 Rugby Match — T.B.H.S. v. St. Andrews B.H.S.
21 Plunket Conference — St. Patrick's Hall
25 Harriers — Canterbury Championships
29 Music Festival — Primary Schools

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A U G U S T 1 9 5 9

- 1 Women's Centennial Hockey Tournament
- 1 Rugby Match, T.B.H.S. v. Waitaki B.H.S.
- 1 - 8 Hobbies' Fair**
- 5 Music Festival, Technical College
- 13 - 14 All Canterbury Primary Schools Rugby and Basketball
- 14 - 16 Timaru Gun Club's S.C. Centennial Shoot
- 14 Centennial Sports Ball**
- 17 Rugby Match, T.B.H.S. v. Southland B.H.S.
- 19 - 20 7-a-side Rugby and Basketball, S.C. Primary Schools
- 27 Savage Club Wahines' Night
- 27 - 6 Sep N.Z. Ladies Hockey Tournament
- 29 Harriers, Junior Cross Country Championships and Temuka-Timaru Road Race



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S.C. Arts Exhibition

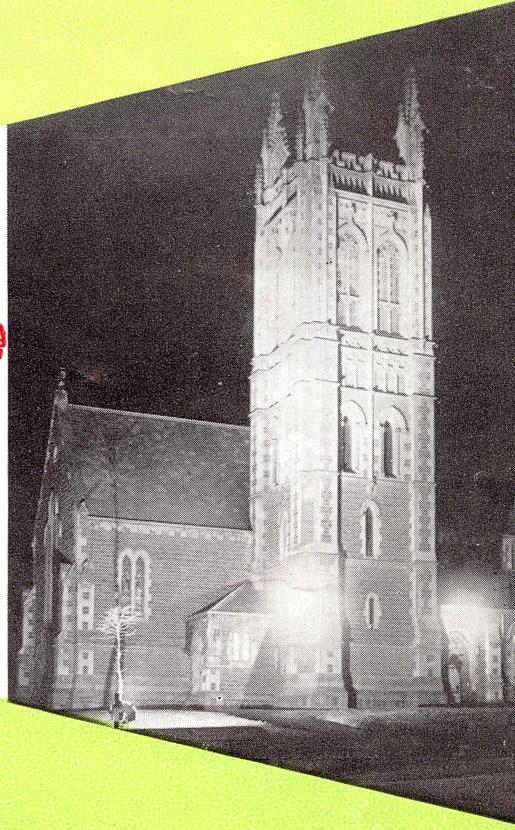
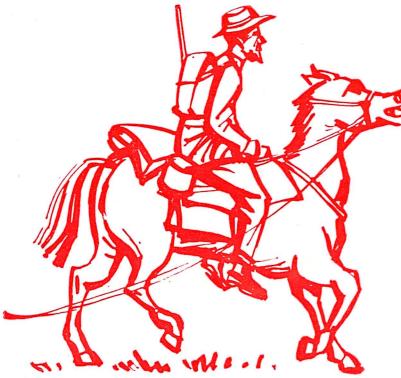
- 12 Amateur Cycling, Christchurch-Timaru Road Race
- 12 - 13 National Conference, N.Z. Academy of Piping & Dancing
- 14 - 16 Licensed Victuallers' Assn. Golf Tournament
- 22 - 24 Free Kindergarten Association's National Conference

26 Harlequins Rugby Match

- 26 N.Z. National Cash Cycle Championships, Timaru-Fairlie-Timaru, 75 miles
- 28 Gleniti Golf Club Women's Tournament
- 29 - 1 Oct Spring Flower Show, Horticultural Society
- 29 - 1 Oct. Technical Education Assn. of N.Z. Conference

O C T O B E R 1 9 5 9

10 - 22 Centennial Exhibition, Bay Hall
3 Cycling, Christchurch - Timaru Road Race
5 - 7 N.Z. Boxing Championships and Conference
6 - 9 South Island Local Bodies' Assn. Annual Conference
12 - 16 Anglican Synod
24 - 26 South Island Rally, Photographic Society
24 - 26 N.Z. Federation, Business & Professional Women's Clubs
24 - 26 Washdyke School Jubilee
30 - 31 A. & P. Centennial Show



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18 - 19 Summer Flower Show
21 Tabloid Sports Championships, S.C. Primary Schools
28 Centennial Sports Gymkhana

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Feb 19 Geraldine Swimming Club's Centennial Carnival

Feb 28 Geraldine Trotting Club's Meeting

Sept 21 Geraldine Racing Club's Meeting

Sept South Island 7-a-side Rugby, 5-a-side Hockey Tournaments at Geraldine

Oct 17 Geraldine Racing Club's Meeting

GERALDINE, a very picturesque town, is set in a typical English countryside with hedgerows and English trees. The Waihi River flows through the town. Geraldine is the family name of the Fitzgeralds, perpetuating the name of James E. Fitzgerald, first Superintendent of the province of Canterbury.



TEMUKA, the fishermen's paradise, is a borough eleven miles north of Timaru. In easy distance are the Opihi, Waihi, Temuka and Orari Rivers which are excellent fishing rivers. Industry is well represented in the town by a pottery and insulator works and a wool scour. The name is a corruption of Te Umukaha which means "the hot oven". In the days of the Maori many ovens were situated on the banks of the river.



JANUARY 2
Temuka Caledonian Society Sports

FEBRUARY 26
Temuka Swimming Club's Centennial Carnival

MARCH 7
Temuka-Geraldine A. & P. Show — Winchester

Dec 13 Waimate Trotting Club Meeting
 Dec 24 - 31 Waimate Monster Carnival
 Dec 26 Waimate Caledonian Society's Annual Sports
 Dec 27 St. Andrews Caledonian Society Meeting
 Feb 14 Waimate Club's Centennial Swimming Carnival
 Mar 30 Hook Annual Gymkhana
 May 23 Waimate Racing Club's Meeting
 July 11 Waimate Hunt Club's Meeting
 Sept Provincial Choirs Festival, Waimate
 Nov Waimate A. & P. Show
 Nov Opening Waimate Centennial Bridge

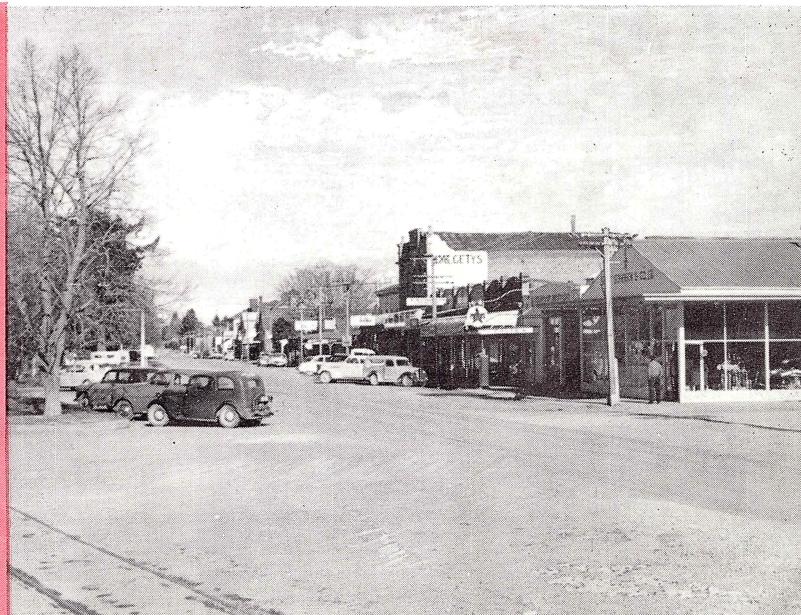


WAIMATE, the garden town of South Canterbury, was founded as a sawmill town but a disastrous fire not only burnt out the town but also burnt the bush. Recovery was slow but today it is a prosperous town with a population of 3,107. Scenic attractions include Waimate Gorge, Kelcey's Bush and Waihao Forks. The name is a contraction of Waimatamate and means "slowly moving waters".



FAIRLIE is a country township in the Mackenzie County. Having an altitude of 1,000 feet, the air is most invigorating. The town was originally named Fairlie Creek after Fairlie in Scotland.

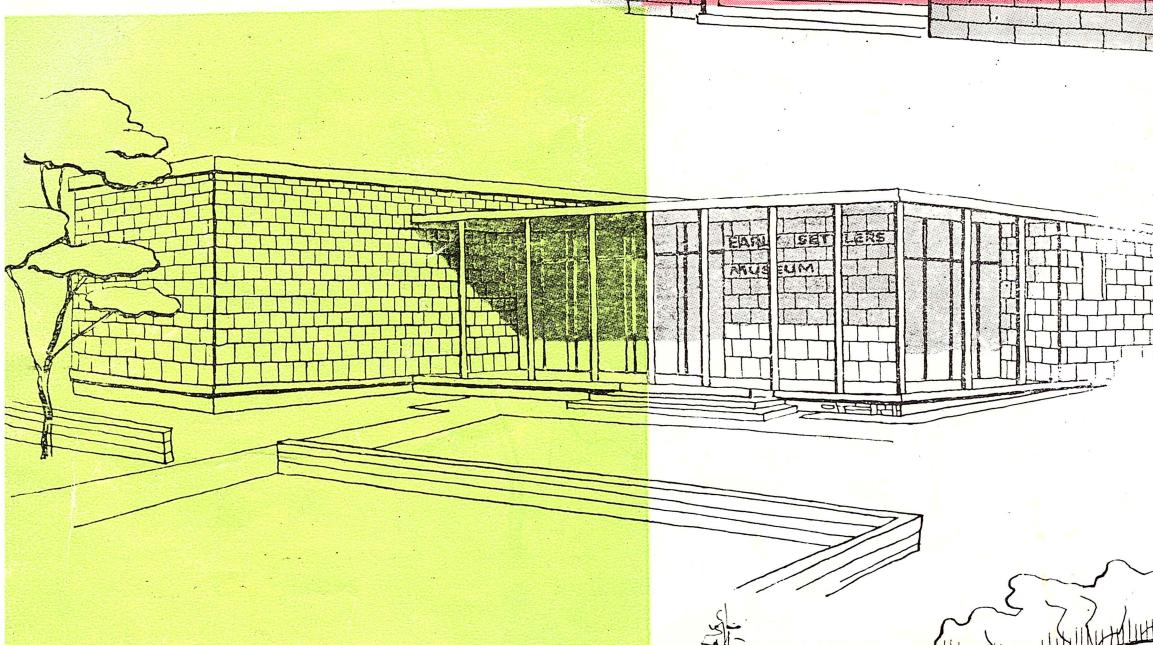
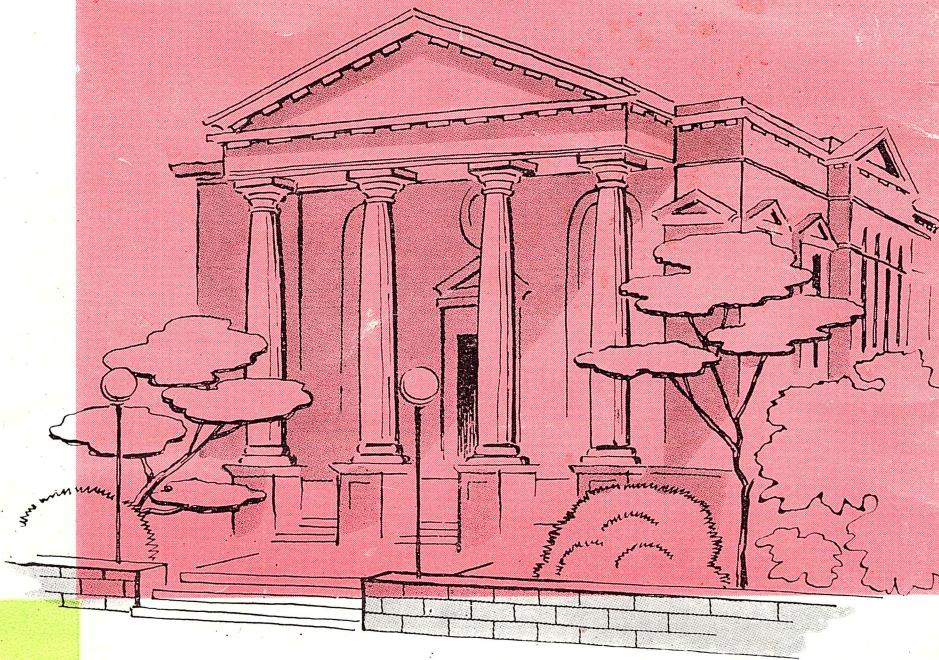
Mar 19 - 21 Mackenzie Collie Dog Club Trials
 Mar 30 Mackenzie A. & P. Show
 Apl 21 Fairlie Centennial Banquet
 Apl 22 Fairlie Centennial Sports Day
 Apl 23 Fairlie Centennial Grand Ball
 May 29 Fairlie R.S.A. Ball
 Sep 6 Mackenzie Men's Centennial Golf Championships
 Sep 7 Mackenzie Ladies' Centennial Golf Championships



THREE CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

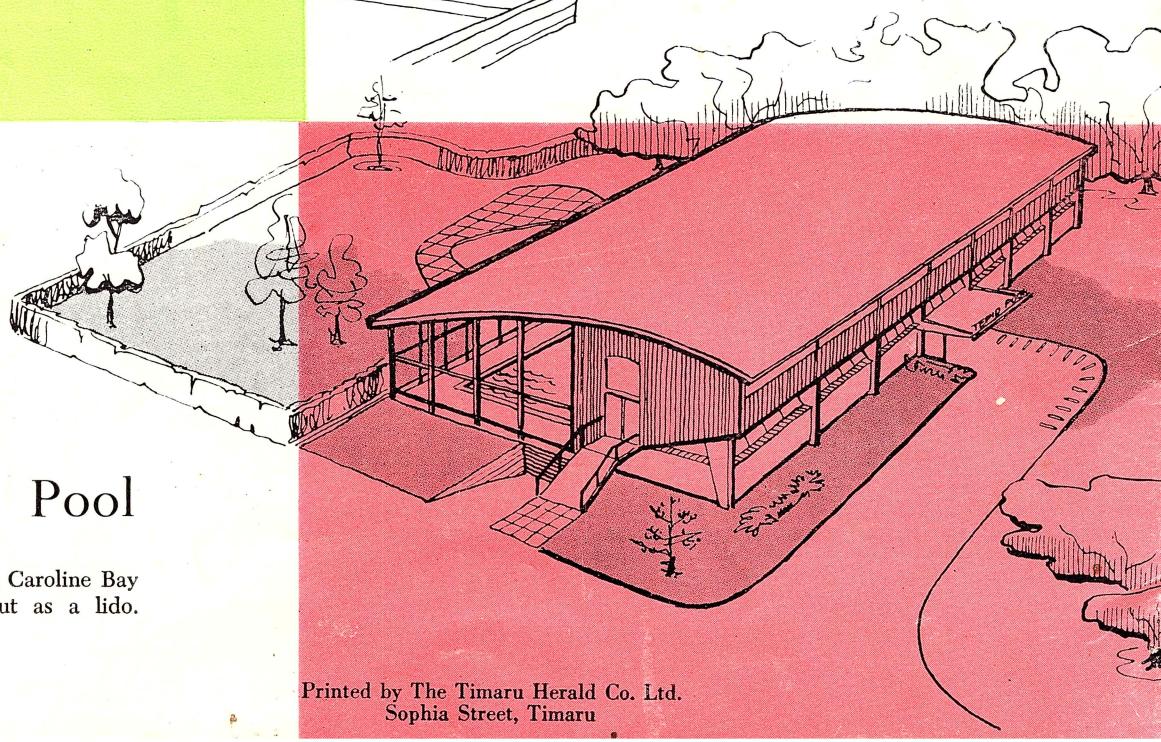
Concert Chamber

By the modernisation and alteration of the former Trinity Church and Hall, an intimate theatre and hall will be provided to serve the cultural needs of this and future generations.



Early Settlers' Museum

To be erected on Pioneer Hill on land bequeathed for the purpose by the late T. D. Burnett.



Tepid Pool

To be built on Caroline Bay and is laid out as a lido.